***Conflict Research Paper***

**Step 1:** Select three different conflicts that we have discussed in this class, or another conflict that you know about and write down 5 facts about each of the three conflicts (this is at a minimum, I encourage more than 5 facts if you wish). Once you have written down your facts answer the following question for each conflict –

* Which of the following aspect of culture or civilization is most impacted by your conflict?
	+ Religion
	+ Identity (Social classes or Ethnic groups)
	+ Economics (Trade/trade routes, control over land, taxes)
	+ Technology (military, medical, communication, other?)
	+ Religion and religious conflict
	+ Human interaction with the environment
	+ Terrorism
	+ Military alliances
	+ Laws and legal rights
	+ Human rights
	+ Gender
	+ Biology (disease, viruses, medicines, immunity, vaccines)
	+ Social inequality (caste & class systems)
	+ Man’s impact on geography
	+ Development of government and political systems

**Your conflict cannot pertain to the United States, Europe, or modern Latin America. For example you may not do any research pertaining to WWI or WWII. Furthermore, you may not research any of the topics from the fall essay.**

**Step 2:** Now that you have 3 choices to pick one, choose the conflict that interests you most.

* We are going to do much deeper research on your selected topic you research must include the following
	+ 1. You must find a minimum of 6 sources that pertain to your conflict and/or the area of civilization you have selected.
		2. Your research must come from academically appropriate locations; including -
			- Any library (books & databases)
			- Any academically appropriate database found through the libraries
			- It cannot be from – random websites online (Wikipedia, history.com, or anything else like this)
			- If you aren’t sure come and talk to me and I will be happy to tell you whether or not the website is appropriate
		3. 3 of your sources must be print sources.
			- This means from an actual book, not an online book. It must be something that you get at a library or some other location that you can hold in your hands that was printed and published by someone else.
		4. You must have a minimum of 2 primary sources.
		5. Your sources must be recorded in notecard form
			- This can be digital or handwritten, either format is OK
			- It needs to include the 8 sources
			- It also needs to include a minimum of 24 notes from your sources

**\*NOTE\* We will have 2 research days in class to complete this step of the larger project.**

**Step 3:** Now that you have a significant amount of research you must create a research question based on what you have learned.

**Prompt Examples:**

* **How did \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ impact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?**
* **What role did \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ play in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**
	+ *What role did economics play in the 1st Crusade?*
	+ *What role did economics/politics play in the Mughal Conquest of India?*
	+ *What role did religion play in the European conquest of the Americas?*
	+ *How did religion impact the colonization of Africa?*
	+ *How did technology impact the Mongol Conquests?*

Now that you have written your research question you will need to write a paragraph explaining how each of the sources you have researched from step 2 will aid you in answering your question. You may need to do a little more research in order to accomplish this portion of the project.

**\*NOTE\* We will have 1 research days in class to complete this step.**

**Steps 4 & 5:**

* Step 4 - Now that you have completed your research and created your research question we will start to work towards crafting your essay. In order to do this you must write a working thesis statement (we will have 3 re-writes). Furthermore, you will also create your body thesis statements. You must create two body thesis statements along with your thesis that will support your overall argument.
* Write your thesis statement on your thesis revision sheet.
* Write your BTS’s on the BTS revision sheet (found on the bottom of the TRS)
	+ You will need to provide your BTS’s along with your thesis statements.
	+ You may not need to update your BTS’s every time you turn in your revision sheet, but you still need to write them out.
* Step 5 – Now you have started writing your thesis/BTS’s you are going to write an outline. Your outline should include the following information…
	+ Thesis statement
	+ Introductory paragraph - This should include your hook and your thesis
		- BTS
			* Evidence
				+ Analysis
			* Evidence
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			* Evidence
				+ Analysis
		- BTS
			* Evidence
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				+ Analysis
	+ Concluding paragraph – This should include a thesis restatement

**\*NOTE\* You should have revised your thesis/BTS once during the outlining period. You will revise it one last time for the rough draft. You will receive 1 writing day during these two steps in order to complete your outline.**

**Step 6:** You will write your rough draft at this point during the process. You will add commentary, transitions, etc… during this time period. We will have 1 day to peer edit these rough drafts. Furthermore, you will create your works cited and cover page during this time period. Your rough draft should consist of 700-900 words (about 2-3 pages of writing).

**\*NOTE\* You will make your final revision to your thesis/BTS’s during this period. You will have 1 day to write your rough draft in class.**

**Step 7:** After going over the notes given in your peer edit (and possibly meeting with Mr. Myers) you will make your final alterations to your essay.

**\*NOTE\***

* **You will turn in a digital copy of your work to turnitin.com**
	+ **This will include a works cited**

**Essay – What’s actually due? (Bolded dates are when things are due)**

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|  | **Due Date** | **What’s due & other important dates** | **Where is it due?** | **How many points is it worth?** |
|  | 5/2/17 | Research Day 1 | NA | NA |
|  | 5/4/17 | Research Day 2 | NA | NA |
|  | **5/5/17** | **Research Question**  | **In class** | **10 Points on stamp sheet** |
|  | 5/8/17 | Work Day 3 and/or Source Analysis Day  | NA | NA |
|  | **5/9/17** | **Source Analysis**  | **In class** | **10 Points on stamp sheet** |
|  | **5/9/17** | **All Research Due**  | **In class** | **10 Points on stamp sheet** |
|  | **5/10/17** | **Thesis/BTS 1** | **In class** | **NA** |
|  | 5/11/17 | Outline Writing Day | NA | NA |
|  | **5/15/17** | **Outline**  | **In class & online** | **10 Points on stamp sheet & 5 points on turnitin.com** |
|  | **5/15/17** | **Thesis/BTS 2** | **In class** | **NA** |
|  | 5/16/17 | Rough Draft Writing Day | NA | NA |
|  | **5/19/17** | **Rough Draft** | **In class & online**  | **10 points on stamp sheet & 5 points on turnitin.com** |
|  | **5/22/17** | **Final Thesis/BTS** | **In class** | **10 points on stamp sheet** |
|  | **5/26/17** | **Works Cited** | **In class & online** | **10 points on stamp sheet & 5 points on turnitin.com** |
|  | 5/24/17 | Final Work Day  | NA | NA |
|  | **5/30/17** | **Final Draft**  | **Online** | **100 Points** |

**Important Note about Due Dates and Process Points–** All process work is worth 10 points each on the stamp sheet. You will receive an additional 5 points for turning each process piece in on turnitin.com. In the event that you lose your stamp sheet you will not be given a new stamp, with one exception. The only way you will receive your stamps back if you lose your stamp sheet is if you can produce photo evidence (on your phone) that you received the stamps. Furthermore, if you do not turn the process piece in on time to turnitin.com you will receive 0 points, no exceptions. Remember it is your responsibility to maintain your stamp sheet, and turn your process pieces in on time.

Total Points:

* Process (Stamp Sheet) – 70 Points
* Process (Online Portion) – 15 Points
* Final Essay – 100 Points

What Your Final Project Should Include:

* MLA Formatting
* 700-900 Word Essay arguing your question (This is only your essay, it does not include your heading and works cited)
* Works Cited